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1044-1000 Light St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

1840-1875/1920's

The west side of the 1000 block of Light St. has a number of quite interesting and unusual buildings. 1040-1044 Light St. is a typical group of three story, two and three bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices which has always served a mixed commercial/residential function and dates from the 1870's. At 1036-1038 Light St. there is the McHenry Theatre, an Art-Deco style brown brick structure built in the 1920's to serve as one of three neighborhood movie houses, the other two of which are now gone. The original interior of the theatre is still intact, with community plans underway to reopen it as a movie theatre, but the old lobby area has been converted into two modern storefronts. At 1024 Light St. Public School #15 survives in its original Tuscan Revival form, two stories high, six bays wide with a low-pitched gable roof running perpendicular to Light St. with deeply projecting eaves supported by thin wooden brackets. The first floor area of the building has been converted into a modern storefront. Across Poultny St., to the north, at 1022 Light St. is a typical three story, three bay wide combination commercial/residential structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice dating from the early 1850's (it originally had a gable roof). At 1016-1020 Light St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built in the early 1850's and currently used as both residences and storefronts. To the north, at 1008-1014 Light St., stands the large two and a half story, three bay wide, brick Queen Anne style Salvation Army Building, which was built as a Friends Meeting House in the 1870's. Finally, at 1000-1006 Light St. there is a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built about 1840 by John S. Gittings and others. All of the houses retain their original exterior form except for 1000 Light St. which has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. All of the first floor areas of this group of houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1022 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice was built in the 1870's as a combination residence and store-front. The house occupies the north-west corner of Light and Poultney Streets.

The house is three stories in height, 16' wide, and occupies a lot 75' deep. There is a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, followed by a later two bay deep section, extending back along Poultney St. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings. Four elaborated carved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip decorated with a row of cut-work scallops. The brick frieze area thus formed is punctuated by three scroll-sawed ventilating panels. The house has double rectangular chimneys located along both the front and rear sections of the roof on the south side of the house. There are also two single chimneys located along the north side of the rear addition and a double hooded chimney located at the west end of the first bay of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The original first floor store-front has been modernized. There is now a double glass and panel door set diagonally to the Light and Poultney St. facades, beneath the south-east corner of the house. The door is flanked by a wide, three-sided plate glass shop window set on a brick base. An aluminum sign extends across the entire width of the store-front, and a fluted metal column supports the roof of the recessed entrance area. The entrance is reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-51 (orig.)/enl.1866 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert E. Coates / Gottleib Thater

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is representative of a fairly large number of houses that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's as gable-roofed houses, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable, Italianate style, with the gable roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern, bracketed cornice added. The first floor area of the house always served as a store-front.

The house was built by Robert E. Coates, a local carpenter, and then sold to Samuel Christian, who operated a grocery store at this location in the early 1850's.¹ Christian sold the house to Gottleib Thater, who operated a variety store, and then a china shop, at this location from 1854 to 1866.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 444, Folio 248; Baltimore City Directory, 1851.

²Ibid., ED 66, Folio 144; AM 314, Folio 207; B.C.D., 1853-54, 1860

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 75'2"**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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1022 Light Street
Block 0934A Lot 009
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1022 Light St.

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East and south elevations